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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SPEITH-HERFURTH, et al.

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For: HEAT-SEALABLE BIAXIALLY ORIENTED  
POLYPROPYLENE FILM HAVING IMPROVED  
BARRIER PROPERTIES

**Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant herewith respectfully requests the following amendments:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. A polypropylene film as claimed in claim 1 [and/or 2], wherein the base layer comprises a polypropylene whose  $M_w/M_n$  is from 1 to 10.

4. A polypropylene film as claimed in [one or more of] claim[s] 1 [to 3], wherein the propylene polymer of the base layer has been peroxidically degraded or has been prepared by means of a metallocene catalyst.